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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as shown below in the complete listing of claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicular rearview mirror assembly, comprising:

a base assembly comprising a base frame adapted for mounting the rearview mirror assembly to a vehicle, said base assembly including an extension arm extending therefrom;

a reflective element attaching to the extension arm mounted to the base frame for providing an occupant of the vehicle with a rearward view; and

wherein the reflective element is slidably movable along the extension arm via a plurality of a-low friction bearings interposed between the base frame-extension arm and the reflective element for facilitating movement of the reflective element relative to the base frameassembly;

said plurality of low friction bearings comprising at least one of a ball bearing and a roller bearing.

- 2. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of low friction bearings comprises a ball bearing.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of low friction bearings comprises a roller bearing.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 1, wherein the reflective element further comprises a mounting frame attached to the reflective element, and the base assembly further comprises at least one arm moveably connected to the mounting frame, and the <u>plurality of low friction bearings</u> is interposed between the at least one extension arm and the mounting frame for facilitating the movement of the mounting frame relative to the base assembly.

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5. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 4, wherein the plurality of low friction bearings comprises a ball bearing.

- 6. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 4, wherein the plurality of low friction bearings comprises a roller bearing.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 1, wherein the base assembly further comprises at least one extension arm is moveably connected to the base frame assembly by a moveable connection and the plurality of low friction bearings is interposed between the at least one extension arm and the base frame for facilitating the movement of the at least one extension arm relative to the base frame.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of low friction bearings comprises a ball bearing.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of low friction bearings comprises a roller bearing.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 7, wherein the moveable connection comprises a pivot connection, the base frame assembly comprises parallel spaced-apart flanges, and the at least-one extension arm is interposed between the parallel flanges to form the pivot connection.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 10, wherein the plurality of low friction bearings is interposed between the at least one extension arm and the parallel flanges.

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- 12. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 11, wherein the plurality of low friction bearings comprises a ball bearing.
- 13. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 11, wherein the <u>plurality of low friction bearings</u> comprises a roller bearing.
- 14. (Currently Amended) A vehicular rearview mirror assembly, comprising:

a reflective element mounted to a mounting frame for providing an occupant of the vehicle with a rearward view;

an extension arm mounted to a vehicle and moveably attached to the reflective element assembly; and

- a <u>plurality of low friction bearings</u> interposed between the mounting frame and the extension arm for facilitating movement of the reflective element relative to the extension arm.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 14, wherein the <u>plurality of low friction bearings</u> comprises a ball bearing.
- 16. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 14, wherein the <u>plurality of low friction bearings</u> comprises a roller bearing.
- 17. (Currently Amended) A vehicular rearview mirror assembly, comprising:

a base assembly comprising a base frame for mounting the rearview mirror assembly to a vehicle;

at least one support arm for supporting a reflective element and moveably connected to the base frame for selectively folding the reflective element against the vehicle and extending the reflective element away from the vehicle; and

a <u>plurality of low friction bearings</u> interposed between the base frame and the at least one support arm for facilitating movement of the reflective element relative to the vehicle.

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18. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 17, wherein the plurality of low friction bearings comprises a ball bearing.

- 19. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 17, wherein the plurality of low friction bearings comprises a roller bearing.
- 20. (Original) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 17, wherein the moveable connection comprises a pivot connection, the base frame comprises parallel spaced-apart flanges, and the at least one support arm is interposed between the parallel flanges to form the pivot connection.
- 21. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 20, wherein the plurality of low friction bearings is interposed between the at least one arm and the parallel flanges.
- 22. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of low friction bearings comprises a ball bearing.
- 23. (Currently Amended) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of low friction bearings comprises a roller bearing.
- 24. (Currently Amended) A vehicular rearview mirror assembly, comprising:
- a base assembly comprising a base frame for mounting the rearview mirror assembly to a vehicle;
- at least one support arm for supporting a reflective element and pivotably connected to the base frame for selectively folding the reflective element against the vehicle and extending the reflective element away from the vehicle; and

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a pair of parallel spaced-apart flanges, wherein the at least one support arm is interposed between the parallel flanges to form the pivot connection.

- 25. (Original) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 24, wherein the pivot connection comprises a ball bearing.
- 26. (Original) A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 24, wherein the pivot connection comprises a roller bearing.